

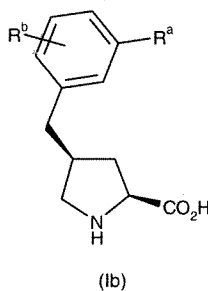
Listing of Claims

The following listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of Claims in the Application.

Claims

1-14(Cancelled)

15. (Withdrawn) A compound of formula (Ib):



wherein R^a is selected from halogen, hydroxy, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkenyl, C_1 - C_6 alkynyl, hydroxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, perfluoro C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylamino, di- C_1 - C_6 alkylamino, amino C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkylamino C_1 - C_6 alkyl, di- C_1 - C_6 alkylamino C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 acyl, C_1 - C_6 acyloxy, C_1 - C_6 acyloxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 acylamino, C_1 - C_6 alkylthio, C_1 - C_6 alkylthiocarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkylthio, C_1 - C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkylsulfonylamino, aminosulfonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkylaminosulfonyl, di- C_1 - C_6 alkylaminosulfonyl, 3-8 membered cycloalkyl, 4-8 membered heterocycloalkyl, phenyl and monocyclic heteroaryl;

R^b is selected from hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, (C_1 - C_6)alkoxy cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxycarbonyl, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkenyl, C_1 - C_6 alkynyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, hydroxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkoxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, perfluoro C_1 - C_6 alkyl, perfluoro C_1 - C_6 alkoxy, C_1 - C_6 alkylamino, di- C_1 - C_6 alkylamino, amino C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 alkylamino C_1 - C_6 alkyl, di- C_1 - C_6 alkylamino C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 acyl, C_1 - C_6 acyloxy, C_1 - C_6 acyloxy C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_1 - C_6 acylamino,

C₁-C₆ alkylthio, C₁-C₆ alkylthiocarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylthioxo, C₁-C₆ alkoxycarbonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylsulfonylamino, aminosulfonyl, C₁-C₆ alkylaminosulfonyl, di-C₁-C₆ alkylaminosulfonyl, 3-8 membered cycloalkyl, 4-8 membered heterocycloalkyl, phenyl and monocyclic heteroaryl;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

16-17 (canceled)

18. (Withdrawn) A compound of formula (1b) according to claim 15 which is selected from the group consisting of:

(2S,4S)-4-(3-Fluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid;
(2S,4S)-4-(2,3-Difluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; and
(2S,4S)-4-(2,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

19. (canceled)

20. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (1b) according to claim 15, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, diluents or carriers.

21. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (1b) according to claim 15, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and at least one other therapeutically active agent.

22. (Withdrawn, currently amended) A combination according to claim 21, wherein the other therapeutically active agent is a PDEV inhibitor selected from sildenafil, vardenafil, tadalafil, 1-[6-ethoxy-5-[3-ethyl-6,7-dihydro-2-(2-methoxyethyl)-7-oxo-2H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-5-yl]-3-pyridylsulfonyl]-4-ethylpiperazine, 5-(5-acetyl-2-butoxy-3-pyridinyl)-3-ethyl-2-(1-ethyl-3-azetidiny)-2,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one and 5-[2-ethoxy-5-(4-ethylpiperazin-1-ylsulphonyl)pyridin-3-yl]-3-ethyl-2-[2-methoxyethyl]-2,6-dihydro-7H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-7-one.

23-26. (canceled) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula (1c) according to claim 16, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, diluents or carriers.

27. (New) The compound (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(3-Fluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

28. (New) The compound (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(2,3-Difluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

29. (New) The compound (2*S*,4*S*)-4-(2,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-pyrrolidine-2-carboxylic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.